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PACKAGE TYPE ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, AND SEALING-
PROCESS USING SUCH LID-HOLDING FRAME

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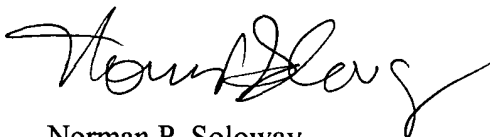
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